



Blue River Monthly News & Updates

Greetings!

Below is the July Blue River News. We hope you enjoy it.

**We want to hear from you! Have a concern,
comment or idea? Email us at
townofbluerivercolorado@yahoo.com.**



**Check out our Community Involvement Page on the
Blue River website at
www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver**

[Visit our website](#)

Upcoming Meetings/Announcements

Planning & Zoning Commission-Tuesday, August 2nd, 6:00 p.m.

Town Board of Trustees

Work Session, Tuesday, August 16th, 5:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 16th, 7:00 p.m.

August Trustees Talks, Saturday, August 13th- 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Town Hall.

Join us for donuts, coffee and good community conversation.

Blue River Founder's Day Celebration, Saturday, August 27th 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Goose Pasture Tarn

Water is a precious commodity here in Colorado. Some would say it's the new gold. As more people find the beauty of Colorado and move here to enjoy all it has to offer, it becomes important to protect this valuable resource. Below are some tips on how you can conserve water in your home.

1. Reduce-avoid unnecessary consumption. Only boil enough water for what you need; don't let water taps run while doing dishes or brushing your teeth.

2. Power Shower-long showers pour water down the drain.

The standard shower head uses four to six gallons of water. If you shower 10 minutes or more you could fill a backyard swimming pool. Reduce shower time from 10 minutes to five minutes and save more than 4,200 gallons of water each year. Insulate your water tank to reduce the time needed to heat your water.

3. Stem the Flow-25% of water used in the home is for showers. A family of four each taking a 5 minute shower once a day, uses 700 gallons of water a week. This can be cut in half by using low-flow shower fittings that reduce the flow by 50% or more while maintaining water pressure. A water-efficient shower head can use as little as 1.5 to 2 gallons of water versus 4-6 gallons with a standard fitting.

4. Don't Flush It All Away-Only 3% of the world's water is fresh and only a third of that is for human consumption. Toilets use the most water in the home, consuming nearly 40% of residential water use. Over 4.8 billion gallons of water are flushed down toilets every day (9,000 gallons of water per person every year.) Old-style, single-flush toilets use 3 gallons of water in one flush. Modern reduced-flow systems average one gallon. You can reduce the capacity of your old-style toilet by filling one or more soft drink bottles with water and placing them in the toilet tank.

average household water use. An average dishwasher can use more than 10.5 gallons of water per cycle. Efficient models use half that amount. Run a dishwasher only when it's full to save 10 to 20 gallons of water a day. Doing dishes the old-fashioned way can use even less. A running faucet wastes more than 2.5 gallons of water a minute, so wash and rinse items together rather than individually.

6. It Doesn't Wash-the average washing machine produces 200 pounds of greenhouse emissions in a year.

Choose the cold cycle to save 6.5 pounds in emissions per wash. Avoid washing clothes that don't need it often, i.e. jeans.

7. Go Native-use native plants that require less water.

Foreign plants guzzle water. Running a sprinkler for an hour consumes over 264 gallons of water and the standard garden hose even more. Growing indigenous plants can save 50% of the water typically used.

8. Liquid Asset-Utilize gray water from showers, toilet tanks or sinks to water your garden

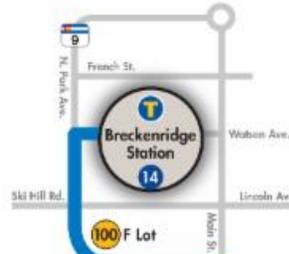
9. Think Tank-Collect water from your roof on the garden, to fill hot tubs, flushing toilets, doing laundry, showering or even drinking. Every 3.5 ounces of rainfall running off the average home roof can provide enough water for several weeks of total household consumption. A 2,000 square foot home can collect as much as 36,000 gallons of rainwater a year.

10. From Dusk to Dawn-Plants and soil lose water during the day through evaporation. Watering during the cooler times of the day gives the water a chance to permeate the soil and be absorbed by the roots of the plants. Group plants with similar water needs-place thirsty plants together and water them longer but less often to encourage deeper roots and to increase their drought tolerance.

These are just a few tips on how you can help save your own "Colorado Water Gold."

Source: True Green by National Geographic, Kim McKay and Jenny Bonnin

**Save on gas and avoid the parking lot shuffle.
Ride the Stage!**



BLUE RIVER COMMUTER

BRECKENRIDGE to BLUE RIVER TIMETABLE

| | Breckenridge Station | Conoco | Green Mtn. | Crown | Spruce Creek | 97 Circle | Arrive Breck Station |
|-----------|----------------------|--------|------------|-------|--------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Stop ID # | 14 | 114 | 115 | 116 | 117 | 118 | 119 |
| AM | 6:35 | 6:37 | 6:39 | 6:40 | 6:42 | 6:46 | 6:49 |
| | 8:05 | 8:07 | 8:09 | 8:10 | 8:12 | 8:16 | 8:19 |
| PM | 4:00 | 4:02 | 4:04 | 4:05 | 4:07 | 4:11 | 4:14 |
| | 6:10 | 6:12 | 6:14 | 6:15 | 6:17 | 6:21 | 6:24 |

BLUE RIVER to BRECKENRIDGE TIMETABLE

| | Depart Breck Station | Deer Valley | McCullough Gulch | Town Hall | Calle de Plata | Blue River Road | Wagon Rd. | F Lot | Arrive Breck Station |
|-----------|----------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|-------|----------------------|
| Stop ID # | 119 | 121 | 122 | 123 | 124 | 125 | 100 | 14 | |
| AM | 6:55 | 6:56 | 6:57 | 6:58 | 7:00 | 7:02 | 7:07 | 7:09 | |
| | 8:25 | 8:26 | 8:27 | 8:28 | 8:30 | 8:32 | 8:37 | 8:39 | |
| PM | 4:20 | 4:21 | 4:22 | 4:23 | 4:25 | 4:27 | 4:32 | 4:34 | |
| | 6:30 | 6:31 | 6:32 | 6:33 | 6:35 | 6:37 | 6:42 | 6:44 | |



Summit Stage Blue River Representative

Are you interested in getting involved with a great organization. The Town of Blue River is looking for a resident volunteer to serve as a member at large for the Summit Transit Authority. If interested, contact Michelle Eddy, Town Administrator at 970-547-0545.



Accessory Units/Apartments

Since taking office in April, the Blue River Board of Trustees have made addressing accessory units/apartments/lock-offs a priority for discussion. Two surveys have



been conducted, and several work sessions hosted to understand the issue and develop a plan to move forward. The survey results are available on our website under Community Involvement.

At the July Trustees Meeting the definition of family was discussed and a new definition will be presented at the August meeting. At the August 16th meeting there will be a work session to continue the discussion at 5:30 p.m. It is the goal of the Trustees to have this resolved soon and to work towards consensus.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please attend the work sessions and public comment time during the regular meeting. You may also send comments to townofbluerivercolorado@yahoo.com.

Building In Blue River

In the Town of Blue River, permits are needed for a variety of items. These include: building permits; staining and re-staining; sheds; landscaping; roofs; interior construction; electrical; and tree removal to name a few.

Applications are available at Town Hall and online. **BEFORE** doing any construction or improvements to your home and property check to make sure whether or not a permit is required. In many cases approval is also necessary from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Fees for permits vary based on work being performed.

In addition to permits, any contractor working on your property in the Town of Blue River is required to obtain a Business License. The fee is \$50/year.

If you are adding on to your home, adding bedrooms, bathrooms, a hot tub, etc. It is necessary for you to verify your water rights, sewer or septic permits. Before construction, take time to ensure you have all the property water/sewer/septic permits in place.



For questions about permits, to schedule an inspection and to obtain applications, stop by Town Hall or call 970-547-0545



The Red, White and Blue Fire District received a grant to assist in making sure all homes have 911 addresses. The house numbers are vital to assisting fire and emergency personnel in locating your home in an emergency. Red, White and Blue Fire District provides FREE reflective address signs to residents of Blue River. To have a firefighter come install numbers at your home, please email: mitigation@rwbfire.org.



Tree Cutting

The Town of Blue River encourages residents to take advantage of the Defensible Space Program and help identify way to protect property in the Town. Section 7-5-110 of the Town Code addresses the Town's Forest Management Code. The purpose is to preserve the rural mountain character of the Town by minimizing the removal of live trees while protecting the life and property of the residents of the Town by establishing minimum wildfire mitigation standards. The provisions are intended to aid in the prevention and suppression of fires and to lessen the hazards to structures from wildfires as well as the hazards to wild land from structure fires. A permit is required to remove trees from your property. Applications are available on the Town's website at www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver.

Recreational Fires (Campfires)

The following type of recreational fire is allowed at all times regardless of the burn index: (Exception: If the Governor or Town issues a burn ban or if a Red Flag Warning is issued by the State or Federal Forest Service). 1. Any recreational fire three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height, which has been permitted through the Fire District. 1.1 Limited to property owner. 1.2 Fire must be in a campfire ring and used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purpose. 1.3 The fire shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions, which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure, shall be eliminated prior

to ignition. 1.4 The fire shall be constantly attended by a competent adult, until the fire is extinguished. Fire extinguishing equipment, such as a fire extinguisher or a garden hose connected to a water supply, shall be readily available for use. To obtain a fire permit and more information, contact the Red, White and Blue Fire District at 970-453-2474.

Get your slash piles ready! The second wave of Summit County's Chipping Program will be coming back through Blue River, August 22-26, 2016.

Pile Guidelines

Piles must be stacked by 8 a.m. on the Monday of your neighborhood's designated chipping week.

- Stack piles neatly (no bags), with large ends facing the road.
- Place piles within 5 feet of the roadway, but not touching the road or in drainage ditches.
- Maximum pile size is 5 feet high, by 5 feet deep, by 5 feet wide.
- There is no limit on the number of piles you may put out. But if you plan to put out 10 or more piles, please notify us at 970-668-4139 prior to your neighborhood's designated chipping week.
- After crews have removed your pile, clear away any remaining branches, needles and debris.
- Do not combine piles with neighbors or place piles in other neighborhoods.
- If you want to keep your chips, tie a piece of red yarn or flagging in a prominent spot on the pile.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE
Defensible space is an area around a home where trees, shrubs and other vegetation are cleared or reduced to slow the spread of wildfire toward the building. Defensible space creates a safe zone for firefighters to carry out their work, and it reduces the chance that a structure fire will move to the surrounding forest. Every home in Summit County should have defensible space.

To schedule a free defensible space assessment of your property, call Lake District Fire (970-262-5209), Red White & Blue Fire (970-453-2474) or Copper Mountain Fire (970-968-2300).

MATERIALS GUIDELINES
Accepted materials include trees, logs and branches up to 9 inches in diameter, trim of nails and wire. The following restrictions apply:

- No shrubs, sage or willows.
- No construction or building materials.
- No treated lumber, fence posts or signs.
- No root wads, stumps, dirt or rocks.
- No grass clippings, trash, weeds or bags of leaves.

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- Place piles within 5 feet of the roadway, but not touching the road or in drainage ditches.
- Maximum pile size is 5x5x5'. There is no limit on the number of piles you may put out.
- After crews have removed your pile, clear away any remaining branches, needles and debris.
- Do not combine piles with neighbors or place piles in other neighborhoods.
- If you would like to keep your chips, tie a piece of red yarn or flagging in a prominent spot on the pile.

Summer 2016 For more information call 970-668-4139 or visit SummitCountyCO.gov/chipping

CENTRAL AND NORTHERN SUMMIT COUNTY

Week 1 June 27 - July 1
Frisco, Copper

Week 2 July 5-8
Montezuma, Keystone, Steamboat, Steamboat Springs

Week 3 July 18-21
Week 10 August 29 - September 2
Cortez, Hill, Dora, Silver Lake, Mesa Verde, Woodlands

Week 4 July 18-22
Week 11 September 6-9
Fruitvale, Silverthorn

Week 5 July 25-29
Week 12 September 22-25
Wolfcreek, Deer Creek

Week 6 August 1-5
Week 13 September 29-31
Englemont, South Fork, Hamilton Creek Ranch, Sage Creek

Week 7 August 8-12
Week 14 September 26-30
Yukon-1, Yukon-2, Yukon-3

SOUTHERN SUMMIT COUNTY

Week 1 June 27 - July 1
Week 8 August 15-19
Cortez, Silver Lake, Steamboat

Week 2 July 5-8
Week 9 August 22-26
Silver Lake

Week 3 July 11-15
Week 10 August 29 - September 2
Silver Lake, Steamboat, Steamboat Springs, Woodlands, Woodlands West, Woodlands East

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Week 11 September 6-9
Silver Lake, Steamboat, Steamboat Springs, Woodlands, Woodlands West, Woodlands East

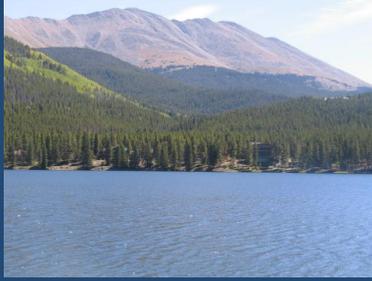
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Silver Lake, Steamboat, Steamboat Springs, Woodlands, Woodlands West, Woodlands East

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Chipping operations in Southern Summit County will be conducted concurrently with those in Central and Northern Summit County.

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Town Hall Hours
Monday-Closed
Tuesday-Friday 7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.
Closed Saturday/Sunday
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Email Us: townofbluerivercolorado@yahoo.com



Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience)
Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action).

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

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